

## Summer Sermon Series

“Not What It Seems”

We have been spending time with Paul’s second letter to the church in Corinth. In 2 Corinthians, Paul lays out how his faith in Christ changes how things seem. There is more than meets the eye when it comes to the hard parts of life in faith. In his beautiful words of encouragement, we will find how God’s presence in our own lives calls us to a deeper connection to God and one another.

June 13: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Suffering  
 June 20: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17, Understanding  
 June 27: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Trials

“Ordinary Prophecy”

For the month of July, get ready to go old-school in worship! We are going to listen to some of the prophets of the Old Testament and hear what they have to say to us today in our modern lives. Anticipate lots of favorite hymns and praise songs, as well as ancient words of Truth and Life!

July 4: Ezekiel 2:105; Psalm 123, Ezekiel  
 July 11: Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13, Amos  
 July 18: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23, Jeremiah  
 July 25: 2 Kings 4:42044; Psalm 145:10, Elisha

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



Central’s mission:  
**Love God**  
**Love others**  
**Serve the world**

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Sunday School – 9:30 AM  
 Worship – 10:30 AM

### Bible Reading for June 20

**2 Corinthians 5:6-17** Understanding  
 • *Out of this week’s scripture reading, the very first and last parts may be the most familiar ones for many of us. Walking by faith and new creation in Christ—they bookend a revealing description of how Paul understands his role as a Christian. Paul had some major shifts in his understanding of who Jesus is, and as a result, his understanding of his life in faith changed as well (so did his name). Have you experienced a similar shift? How has your understanding of God grown in your faith journey?*

**For the month of June** Missions will be collecting gently used baseball/ soccer gear for underprivileged kids. Cleats, bats, gloves, catcher gear, batting helmets, socks, shorts, pants etc. anything usable for baseball or soccer!!!!

### June Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received June 7	\$21,750
Needed for June	\$62,235
Received through June 9	\$32,631

### Last Week’s Attendance

In-person:	132
Online:	57

### Calendar

#### Sunday, June 13

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)  
 9:30 Children, Youth (3rd FL), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213)

10:30 AM Worship Service  
 6:00-8:00 PM Youth, 3rd FL

#### Tuesday, June 15

8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH  
 2:30 PM Prayer Team  
 5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

#### Wednesday, June 16

5:30 –7:30 PM, VBS, 3rd Flr.

#### Thursday, June 17

7:00 AM, Men’s Java Jaay Bible

#### Friday, June 18

9:00 AM, Women’s Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel

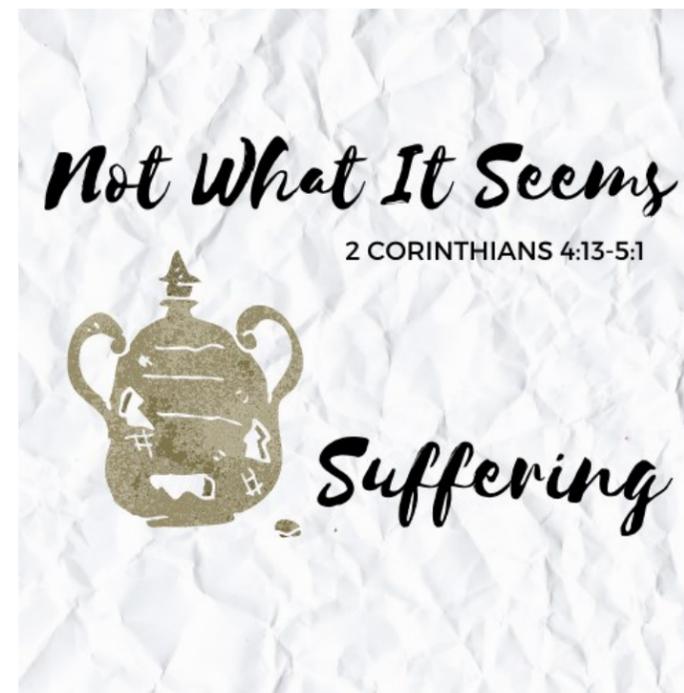
FH- Fellowship Hall

LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall

S- Sanctuary

L- Library

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June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost  
 10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

\*Stand at these points, as you’re comfortable.

Musical Gift “Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

Robert Jackson

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

We look to the rulers of this earth for leadership, wisdom, and strength.  
 We look to these bodies of ours for stability, fulfillment, and joy.  
 We look to families and friends for love, compassion, and hope.  
**When rulers betray, when bodies fail, and when families disappoint, God offers another look. God will guide us. God’s Spirit will sustain us. Christ will welcome us home. Come, my sisters and brothers, we are all God’s family now.**

\*Hymn #368 “My Hope Is Built”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*Refrain*

*On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

*Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

*Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

*Refrain*

Affirmation of Faith *Apostle’s Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

\*Greeting

\*Hymn #2086 “Open Our Eyes”

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Prayers of the People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Children’s Message

Debbie Looney

Offertory “Do Lord, Remember Me”

*Arr. Mauldin*

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Bible Reading — 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

We have the same faithful spirit as what is written in scripture: I had faith, and so I spoke. We also have faith, and so we also speak. We do this because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and he will bring us into his presence along with you. All these things are for your benefit. As grace increases to benefit more and more people, it will cause gratitude to increase, which results in God’s glory.

So we aren’t depressed. But even if our bodies are breaking down on the outside, the person that we are on the inside is being renewed every day. Our temporary minor problems are producing an eternal stockpile of glory for us that is beyond all comparison. We don’t focus on the things that can be seen but on the things that can’t be seen. The things that can be seen don’t last, but the things that can’t be seen are eternal.

We know that if the tent that we live in on earth is torn down, we have a building from God. It’s a house that isn’t handmade, which is eternal and located in heaven.—

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Suffering”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #534 “Be Still, My Soul”

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future, as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

\*Sending Forth

Sisters and brothers of Christ, go into all the world!  
Go forth with forgiveness and grace.  
Go forth with compassion and love.  
**We go as Christ’s family  
for all the world to see.**

\*Musical Gift “Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken” *F.J. Haydn*